AMENDMENTS1 TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0061,] p. 18, lines 17-23, with the following amended² paragraph:

[0061] (amended)

While the present invention has been described with respect to a buffer and minibuffer into which a 25 user enters typewritten commands, it will be apparent to one of skill in the art that numerous other methods exist for an author to submit bud and view4edit commands. For example, standard windows-based menus can be used, and version control data may be communicated through dialog boxes. Alternatively, the bud command can be initiated by a user by dragging the highlighted text from the parent page to another entity, such as the desktop. (Dragging selected text on to the Desktop can create a bud as an icon whose corresponding file contains the marked text.) Various icons can be provided to represent bud and view4edit commands.

¹Amendments throughout this response are made using "The Bracket-and-Underscore Method," where words to be deleted appear in square brackets, e.g. [delete this], and words to be added are underlined, e.g. add this.

²The amended sentence is taken from §3.5 Budding Icons on p. 17 of the applicants' provisional patent application 60/180,122, filed 02/03/2000.